Weather: **Possible** Showers



PRESIDENT NIXON Abandoning the blanket

## NIXON OPENS THE WATERGATE!

## Aides Will Be Expected To Testify

ing momentum after President Nixon abandoned the blanket claim of innocence for White House aides.

Nixon said Tuesday he will send his aides to testify publicly as demanded by Senate investigators preparing for hearings next

State and federal authorities plan to be in Berrien county

within the next two weeks to inform local officials on

methods of applying for federal assistance to areas damaged by the mid-March storm.

The meetings are for officials to spell out various types of

He said he launched a new presidential inquiry into the matter last month, about the time Watergate burglar James McCord began telling his story to a Senate committee and a federal grand jury.

applications for federal aid including Small Business Ad-

ministration loan policies, State Police Lt. James Somers,

federal disaster coordinator, announced. He said SBA officials hope to be in the county next week to discuss es-

tablishment of a field office for loan applications

This time the President's inquiry is being conducted by persons outside the White House staff, some of whose members reportedly have been implicated in McCord's secret testimony.

In a related development, Nixon's re-election committee was reported to have offered the Democratic party \$525,000 in damages to settle a multimillion-dollar package of lawsuits over the Watergate raid. But Democratic National Chairman Robert S. Strauss said he wouldn't accept any offer until it becomes clear that the affair will be aired sufficiently in public inquiries.

Nixon disclosed his actions in a three-minute statement to newsmen at the White House. No questions were permitted. He said he met Sunday with Atty. Gen. Richard G. Kleindienst and Asst. Atty. Gen. Henry Petersen who gets reports of grand

"I can report today that there have been major developments

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



JOHN W. DEAN III

Storm Aid Officials Due Here

ANOTHER TRY TODAY: Implacement of top two sections, totaling 120 feet, of 200-foot communications tower in New Buffalo was scheduled this morning after high winds prevented control of pre-assembled sections yesterday. Tower construction at General Communications and Electronics company property, 10 South Taylor street, will cost about \$10,000, said Steve Brant, company president. Tower will be lighted at night with red navigational lights, strobe beacon on top as guide for area boaters on Lake Michigan. Brant praised New Buffalo police for traffic control yesterday as spectators gathered to watch

# **BH Will Not Oppose** 1 ranster Bid

BY JIM SHANAHAN BH City Editor

For the first time, the Benton Harbor board of education won't object officially to transfer of one of its consti-

of part of Sodus township from Benton Harbor to Eau Claire school district. The proposed transfer is up for a hearing next Tuesday and

represented a drastic

The area petitioning for transfer is the former Sodus, Mt. Pleasant and Chadwick districts. Mrs. Ilene Fox, board secretary and only Sodus area resident on the board, cast the 27 lone dissenting vote.

Mrs. Fox said the board's ,42 refusal to oppose transfer was contrary to its own past an administrative proposal policies and those of the State Board of Education.

majority voted that way, she

representatives to appear at

the hearing and oppose (See back page, sec. 1, col, 6)

Mrs. Fox said transfer of the appear at the hearing and Sodus area would promote racial isolation and mean unconstitutional de jure segrega-

> transfer was presented by Philip McDonald and seconded by Ervin Kampe.

McDonald said the board has presented plans for redistricting of the present Benton Harbor system and transfer of Sodus would not be "inconsistent with a general plan for redistricting the Benton Harbor Area School district,, which is imminent...

presented at last week's regular board meeting. The board tabled this measure

to feel the pinch of what could be a major national gasoline shortage this summer. Prices are skyrocketing in the Detroit area, which is noted for price wars that until recently often sent the cost of a gallon of

DETROIT (AP) - Michigan,

where cars are king, is starting

gas plummeting to 29.9 cents and lower. Now the average for regular gas is about 10 cents At the same time, the city of Detroit and the state government have raised the spectre of a lineup of police cars, fire trucks and other public vehicles at corner gas stations because of

Detroit officials say the city budget could take as much as a \$1 million jolt because oil companies appear unwilling to continue providing gas at the cheap rates they are currently giving to fleet customers.

inability to make adequate bulk

With current contracts evoiring April 30, the city asked for new bids earlier this month, but not a single offer was received.

In Lansing Tuesday, the state reported that of the 151 vendors who were asked to bid, only four have offered to make bulk sales for the fiscal year beginning

The total amount offered was only 2.6 million gallons, far short of the 9.5 million gallons needed. And the wholesale prices offered averaged 21 cents per gallon, compared to the current 13.5 cents.

Of the major companies operating in the state, only Standard Oil Co. filed a bid.

Al Brewer, the state buyer executive, said there would be no shortage for essential ser-New petitions for transfer of vices, but that unless more gas becomes available, there will be severe retrenchment in the use

Detroit Purchasing Director Arthur Cope said the city's \$910,000 budget for gasoline could cover only half of the needs.

State Starts To

Feel Gas Pinch

'We were told that because federal guidelines have frozen netroleum prices to a one per extent that distributors can't bid in city requirements," he

"It appears that by changing

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

### Another Berrien Lottery Winner

Berrien county, for the fourth time in five weeks, will be represented tomorrow at the Michigan Lottery super drawing to be held in the Municipal Skating Rink in Wyandotte,

Bobby Ray Tippy, a 38-year-old saw operator at Kaywood Corp., Benton Harbor, is one of 15 candidates for the \$200,000 top prize.

Tippy, who has been employed by Kaywood for 13 years, has already won \$10,000 by having both winning numbers on a single lottery ticket. Depending on the draw, ippy could become a \$50,000 or \$200,000 winner, or if his luck deserts him, he can come home with the same \$10,000 he went to Wyandotte with

Tippy, of 2154 Crawford drive Benton Heights, says he "feels fine" but is a bit "shaky" waiting for the big day.

"I never won anything in my



BOBBY RAY TIPPY \$200,000 Contestant

After May 1st, Leather's Schwinn Cyclery will be closed all day Mondays.

Save 10% on Easter shoes at . (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1) Edisan's thru Sat,

new, right, at the conclusion of a White House state dinner Tuesday night. Sinatra provided the entertainment during Italian-American night at the White House. (AP Wirephoto)

#### Service, Chicago. Tower will be used in general communications, including police, fire, hospital, business and industry, according to Steve Brant, company president. He said signals from new public shore station for recreational boaters in Lake Michigan also will be beamed from tower when equipment rigging is completed in about three weeks. (Don Wehner photos)

HELICOPTER BUILDS TOWER: A 200-foot com-

munications tower for General Communications

and Electronics company, New Buffalo, was expected to be completed this morning with installa-

tion of final two sections by Midwest Helicopter

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the board directed its superintendent and legal counsel to present the board's latest posi-

change in policy for Benton Harbor whose boards of education in the past have battled transfers at county and

"I would hate to be publicly quoted as why they voted as they did, but let their records speak for themselves."

She noted that the State Board of Education last year The board voted 6 to 1 last turned down a Sodus appeal to night not to oppose transfer transfer to Eau Claire. The area currently seeking transfer is the same except that the former Stump district is not included. Stump has the only black neighborhood in Sodus

township.

tion by a governmental body. The resolution not to oppose

which called for designating

ITALIAN NIGHT AT WHITE HOUSE: President and Mrs. Nixon pose, from left, with Vice President Spiro Agnew; Italy's Prime Minister Guilio Andreotti; his wife; Frank Sinatra and Mrs. Ag-

### THE HERALD-PRESS **Editorial Page**

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher

### Teddy Catches The Message

Greatly to the surprise of the ultra liberals, Senator Edward Kennedy has accepted an invitation to address a Fourth of July rally in Decatur, Alabama, honoring Governor George

Kennedy's response indicates he understands all too well what George' McGovern stumbled upon too late in last year's campaign.

Bayard Rustin, a long time civil rights leader, acknowledged one half of Kennedy's perception in a recent article written for the Washington Post which is about as anti-Nixon as can be found in the publishing business.

Rustin disputes McGovern's contention that Nixon's landslide vote in large measure was a victory for

Assembled in his evidence to lay that wearisome plaint to rest is the black vote. It was the lowest since the 1960 election despite massive enfranchisement of blacks in the southern states and concerted voter reigstration drives.

The Massachusetts Senator tacitly agrees with that conclusion and draws another inference which the professional liberal prefers not to discuss.

Though he never completely aban-

doned the racist theme, Wallace in recent years began to tap the economic and social concerns among the blue collar ranks. His excursion has been more perceptive in that respect than the big union bosses whom the Alabama governor has been quick to accuse of having lost with the rank and file. McGovern and his followers never did comprehend that fact.

Though Teddy has never worked nor dwelt in a ghetto, he fully understands that not everyone who likes Wallace lives in moral perdition. Most of George's adherents believe he is the man to put the country on track once

It requires many viewpoints and a rationalization of them to make democracy work or to win an election.

McGovern so polarized Democratic party a year ago that a Barry Goldwater could have won the Presidential election.

Only now is the party leadership beginning to shed the false moralism forced upon the organization by the McGovern clan.

Kennedy has decided if he wants to harvest hay in '76, he better start sowing the seed today.

### Better Dribbling Act' Has A Good Chance

In Congress recently, Rep. Alphonzo Bell of California delivered some light-hearted words about the prowess of the UCLA basketball team. His remarks were touched off by the fact that UCLA this year won the NCAA National Basketball Championship for the seventh straight time.

This, said Congressman Bell, "is certainly demoralizing to all those basketball players and fans in American who have chosen a team other than UCLA as their own.'

Bell then elaborated on his theme as follows: "Since I represent the UCLA five in this Congress, I have been given advance word that the administration is planning to send to the Hill very shortly a special basketball revenuesharing bill, The Better Dribbling Act of 1973, which would allocate funds to each state's universities to provide for expanded basketball facilities and exclude California as a fund recipient."

Congressman Bell appeared to be joking—just having some fun with his colleagues in the wake of a hometown victory. But it'll be amazing if the 'Better Dribbling Act" doesn't find serious supporters in Washington. It has so much to recommend it to dogooders and bureaucrats.

First, it would create some new, unnecessary government jobs. Second, it would cost the nation's already overburdened taxpayers some more money.

Third, by adding to the national budget deficit, it would further fuel the

Fourth, it would punish achievers and reward ne'er-do-wells, a principle dear to the hearts of Washington's egalitarian social engineers.

And, finally, the "Dribbling Act" is sufficiently ridiculous to make it appear brilliant to the minds of those residing along the foggy banks of the

## Black Blood May Help Save Whites From Cancer

This has to come under the heading of "irony of ironies."

Newspaper columnist Chuck Stone, a black, understandably gets a perverse chuckle from a new development of medical science.

Ten days ago an American Cancer Society science writers' seminar heard. a report that there is a factor in the blood of U.S. blacks that appears to improve the body's ability to defend itself against skin cancer, which primarily affects whites.

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Researchers are using blood plasma from black donors and have reported "encouraging results" in six white patients at the University of Washing-. It is to laugh. Columnist Stone notes

it wasn't too long ago white, southern legislators were writing laws stating that one drop of black blood made a person black.

You can bet none of those lawmakers still around will balk one bit at receiving black blood if they think it will save them from cancer.

Tongue in cheek, Stone sees something of an economic bonanza for black blood donors.

The University of Washington researchers plan to run a two-year controlled study with 60 patients-half of them getting blood plasma from black donors and the other half from white donors. Says Stone:

"With the strong possibility that black blood can stop skin cancer in whites can't you see those signs? 'Blood needed; blackblood preferred.' The brothers will make a fortune!"

.The British "Penny Black," the world's first adhesive postage stamp, issued in 1840, is neither the most expensive nor the rarest stamp sought by collectors today. A number of the 64 million "Penny Blacks" that were printed survive in stamp albums.





No Answer

#### GLANCING BACKWARDS

Berrien County's proposed new

looked over and apparently

members of the county's build-

ing authority and the county

building committee.

board of supervisors' special

Lester P. White, a represen-

tative of architects Shaw Metz and associates, presented de-

tailed blueprints of the four-

story structure which he termed

approved

million courthouse, were

vesterday

EDWARDSBURG GIRL

– 1 Year Ago — First Miss Edwardsburg to be picked Miss Blossomtime in the pageant's 40-year history, Debbie Jean Knox was crowned last night by her predecessor, Kathy Reitz who achieved that same honor for Baroda last year.

The number 13 proved lucky for Debbie too as she wore that number in a field of 28 contestants for the pageant which was staged with a "Riverboat" theme in Benton Harbor high

WIN APPROVAL OF COURTHOUSE PLANS

- 10 Years Ago -Final definite plans for

'preliminary study designs of the building." ALLIED PLANES SWEEP REICH

- 29 Years Ago

Strong formations of deadly allied fighters fanned out over

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

CAN THINK OF BETTER USE OF GAS

I quote from an Associated Press article of April 11, 1973, troleum Products Into Phnom Penh - the fuel airlift began Tuesday with the arrival of a huge plastic bladder of motor fuel filling the cargo hold of a

C-130 Hercules" Many of our citizens have experienced an actual fuel shortage during the past winter. We have also been hombarded with predictions of gasoline shortages, gas rationing and high prices for the coming summer. At the present time in certain areas, farmers are unable to get crops in the ground because they can't get gasoline to run their tractors. For the U.S. to provide petroleum products to Cambodia under these conditions is idiocy, a reflection of Pentagonism and the fuzzy thinking of the present administration in Washington.

How much fuel does a "huge plastic bladder" hold? How many huge plastic bladders have been shipped or will be shipped? How much fuel does a C-130 Hercules burn per hour and where are they flying from? Personally, I think there must

be a better way to use gasoline. One last question: What did we learn, if anything, from the Wietnam war?

Norval Weiss 878 Pearl St. Benton Harbor

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Editor.

'Communication, participation, interest and leadership are key words in any Community Improvement Program," says Mrs. Thomas H. Donabue of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.
In Sodus township, the youth

are meeting this challenge by again participating in educational contests as well as the anual Clean-up Project. For all citizens environmental improvement is not only a matter of concern, it is becoming a matter of survival. In rural areas where population growth

is sky-rocketing, clean water and the disposal of sewage is of great importance.

Michigan State University has under construction a combined research and demonstration project aimed at the total clean-up of municipal waste water, plus a profitable re-use of cleaned water and the waste it carries. Rather than run phosphates, nitrogen and carbon-laden waters from sewage plants into a lake or stream, they can be sprayed upon green areas of forests and fields where plant growth is needed. These wastes are misulaced resources and community systems for recycling wastes will be necessary in the future.

study problem and follow closely this their victory at the polls with a research project at Michigan grand ratification with State University as it applies to communities such as ours. Elizabeth H. Fields

Mt. Pleasant Bay View Club

HOPES OTHERS ARE LUCKIER

Editor

Maybe I am just feeling sorry for myself and maybe I wantothers that have bad luck to know that they are not completely alone.

I have read about lots of people who my heart goes out

(See page 35, column 1)

#### Arabian Oil **Keeps Flowing**

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) -The flow of oil was not affected by an attempt Monday to blow up the Arabian-American Oil Co.'s pipeline.

It was the second time in three days that saboteurs struck the Tapline facilities. Masked raiders blew up one Tapline storage tank Saturday, badly damaged two and slightly damaged a fourth at the Zahrani complex five miles south of Sidon, Thirty thousand barrels of oil were lost,

Germany today, the Berlin radio said, taking over the pre-invasion offensive from heavy bomber fleets which had closed out a week of shattering blows at Hitler's air arm and transnort.

Waves of broadcast warnings from German stations traced the swarming fighters' progress tral Germany, indicating an ambitious series of thrusts from British bases.

#### TO TAKE LEAVE -- 39 Years Ago -

Mrs. Cynthia McKindley is to take a several months leave of absence from duties as house position will be filled in her ab sence by Mrs. Robert Leonard, who came to St. Joseph from

#### SIX PRECINCTS - 49 Years Ago -

St. Joseph will henceforth have six instead of four voting precincts. The action to split the third and fourth wards into two precincts each was taken by the St. Joseph city council, Alderman Edward Burton and H. M. McConnell were named as a

SMALL FIRE

The fire department was called to the home of Alderman Charles Kneibus by a barn fire which had been put under control with a garden hose by the time firemen arrived on the

#### CELEBRATE VICTORY — 83 Years Ago —

The Democrats will celebrate fireworks, bands, and general

### BERRY'S WORLD



"Guess what the doctor told me today? Right now are an average family—we have 2.3 children!

#### **Bruce Biossat**

### Watergate Could Have Been A Slip

WASHINGTON (NEA) There is no way to appraise presidential aide Haldeman's acknowledged key role in the administration's 1972 "surveillance" operation against the Democrats without looking upward to President Nixon as well as downward to those who acted on the orders. Granting the reality of the

President's isolation from even his top staff, and the likelihood (accepted by so many) that he did not know of the Watergate bugging matter at least until too late to stop it, could be have said anything to touch off the whole chain of events? The answer is "yes". Sources

who study and watch Mr. Nixon closely do not think such an answer at all inconsistent with the persuasive evidence of his deep personal isolation.

Look at it first from the Haldeman aspect. The widely held view of him in Washington is that of the doggedly loyal servant to the President. Everything we know suggests this judgment is accurate.

Haldeman is not perceived as a personal empire-builder, though as guardian of the door to the Oval office he exercises a high degree of control over the written and the foot traffic flowing toward Mr. Nixon. Just as he is probably more isolated from the President than many observers would believe reasonable, so he isolates himself from people down the line, both in and out of the White House.

He transmits presidential orders, and may originate a good many which he thinks

convey Mr. Nixon's intent" in certain circums tances. But most testimony is that Haldeman is not an active "field force" manager in any situation, and definitely was not

in the surveillance operation. His acknowledgment to congressmen that he ordered the surveillance clears up how things got started from his level. It also answers how former White House aide Dwight Chapin and Nixon lawyer Herbert Kalmbach got going on the so far too briefly probed part of the operation which led Kalmbach to hire and fund Donald Segretti for "disruptive" activities designed to disconcert the Democrats last year in a variety of ways. As prior reports indicated, neither Chapin nor Kalmbach could be put down as self-starters in such an endeavor.

The big question at Haldeman's level is what got him started. While he must of necessity make a steady prac-tice of guessing what the President wants to read and who he wants to talk to, and would inevitably act faithfully on what Mr. Nixon wants done, few who know Haldeman believe he would interpret his "writ" of authority too freely.

This opens what some sources think is the very real prospect that Mr. Nixon said something, perhaps forcefully but also con ceivably rather casually and offhandedly, which put Haldeman in motion. They need not have had a long, thoroughgoing discussion. It might all have happened in 10 minutes or

### Morionie Neons

### Senate To Eye Animal Cruelty

WASHINGTON - A Senate survival of the approximately

committee may open hearings next month into charges by animal protection groups that the Nixon Administration is failing to enfore adequately four major Federal humane laws.

The measures in question — and several related but weaker ones - were passed in the last six years as an outgrowth of the ecology movement and the increasing public sensitivity to the treatment of animals. They represent the first time in history that the Federal Government has assumed broad responsibility to protect animals from cruelty under certain cir-

There are now more humane organizations lobbying and active in other ways than ever before, and Congress has been feeling their political clout. Sen. Henry Jackson, D., Wash., for instance, received 45,000 letters on behalf of a bill to protect the

17,000 last remaining wild horses on public land — more letters than he has gotten on any other subject, including Vict-nam. (The bill, with his support, passed two years ago.)

humane groups are currently enraged by a roundup in February of nearly 60 mustangs in the mountainous Lemhi-Challis area of Idaho. The horses were mysteriously killed or shipped to a pet food company, despite the law that provides penalties for harassing, capturing, killing or selling wild horses. Sen. Frank Church, D., Idaho, had been warned by a constituent in advance of the roundup and appealed to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service tect the mustangs

The agencies ignored him. When the bodies of some of the horses were discovered, the BLM and FS conducted a secret investigation. But no further administration action has ye

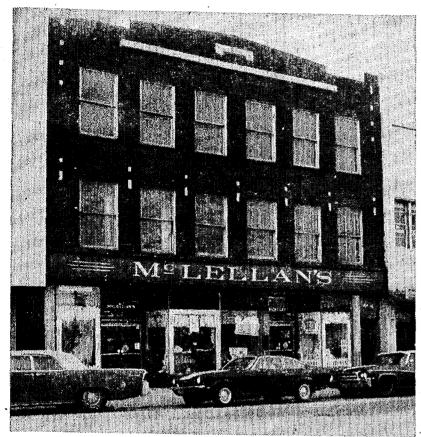
The American Horse Protection Association and the Humane Society of the United States angrily filed a civil action here last week to force the government not to let the matter drop. The suit charged that Federal authorities "maliciously gave oral permission" for the illegal removal of the horses from the public range. It asked that the Departments of Agriculture and Interior enforce the wild horse protection law and in addition

set up a special \$600,000 trust fund for such enforcement. The Senate Commerce Committee, chaired by Warren Magnuson, D., Wash., plans to probe the Idaho roundup as well as complaints of Federal indifference to other humane laws

as well. Humane groups have protested that the Agriculture Department is ignoring a 1970 law that prohibits the soring of Tennessee walking horses. That is a painful process by which sores are produced by chemicals on a horse's foot to prompt him to life his foot higher when he walks than he would normally do. Horses can be trained to walk in high-stepping fashion without sores, but it is more difficult.

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# BH McLellan Manager Believes In Downtown



EXPANSION IN OFFING?: Business activity has slowed along Benton Harbor's Main street, but McLellan's has grown busier with sales each year, and possibly may be expanded, reported Manager Mary Phillips. Nothing is set, but store reportedly would remain on Main street, and possibly expand into vacant store. at right. (Staff photo)

### St. Joseph Township

## More Details Asked On Apartment Plan

Tuesday night asked the St. Joseph township planning commission for instructions on procedure to build an apartment complex on Niles road at Lincoln avenue

Teitel has built and operated apartment houses in South Haven, St. Joseph and Muskegon. He planned to build a fourth unit to his Lakecrest complex Lakeshore drive in St. Joseph when a referendum promoted by a St. Joseph resident, Tom Sparks, overturned city commission approval.

Planning Chairman Ernest Knauf told Teitel to bring in a plot plan as the first step toward rezoning the existing B-2 (commercial) to R-5 (multi-family residential).



BEN TEITEL South Haven Builder

#### SI Fire Snuffed

St. Joseph firemen Tuesday (4-4:14 p. m.) extinguished a fire in the engine compartment of a truck owned by Professional Maintenance at its headquarters, 217 Broad street, St. Joseph. Firemen reported

Teitel proposed building a the national code it will have to 138-apartment house similar to his Lakecrest units on six acres of ground on Niles road, north of the Union 76 service station located at Niles road and Lincoln avenue.

follow a state code which is less

Details of the building codes

are under study by various

members of the commission

The planners also reviewed

the township comprehensive

brought the township land use

commissioners before a recommendation will Planning sketching out township building be made. regulations indicated that 124 The pl apartments may be the maximum number for the lot, taking into consideration setback lines and parking requirements.

Teitel said he was interested map up to date and planned to not only in building regulations send it back to the consultant. but in the feeling of the commission regarding an apart-ment house at that site. "If you are opposed," he said "say so and we can both save a lot of time." This followed a comment by Royce Leary that available commercial sites in the township were in short supply.

But Chairman Knauf said the commission needed a more specific plot plan and Teitel agreed to provide one.

The commission told Tom Greenhoe to get a letter from the Benton Harbor area school indicating superintendent approval or disapproval of a pool hall at 306 West Empire street. Greenhoe, of Amerequip Co., 1021 Pipestone, Benton Harbor also must get approval from the building inspector and health inspector on the adequacy of the proposed hall.

Robert Peziwilko of Superior Home Builders, St. Joseph, filed site plans for an apartment house development on Cleveland avenue near Hawthorne. A copy will go to the county planning

Leary presented the board with copies of a national building code and said the strongest endorsement for St. Joseph township to adopt such a code was the fact that it has already been adopted by St. Joseph, Benton Harbor and Benton

township. Unless the township adopts

## Mary Phillips Will Get Firm's Award As Top Improver

Staff Writer

Benton Harbor Merchant Mary Phillips believes that Main street can return to the fore as a vibrant business strip. She's got the credentials to prove her point.

Mrs. Phillips, who manages McLellan's variety store at 80 West Main street, will be honored as top district improver by her employer, the G. McNew division of McCrory Corp. The district includes 60 stores over Michigan, Indiana and

The honor will be presented during the McCrory Corp. national convention next Wednesday through Friday, at

HONORED LAST YEAR Mrs. Phillips last year was honored as top district performer. The awards hinge on sales volumes from year to year, and they just might be a spark that could rekindle Benton Harbor's

Mrs. Phillips this week talked about a possible expansion of her store. She said her company is interested, too. Nothing definite has been set, but Mrs. Phillips said any expansion would be on Main street, possibly into an empty building next

Mrs. Phillips has been in Benton Harbor only since January, 1971. A former manager was ill and had to retire. Main street was on a downhill ride. The McLelian store was going down, too, Mrs. Phillips said.

VOLUME WAS IMPRESSIVE

No statistics were related on increased business volumes but Mrs. Phillips termed it strong and impressive to her company.

The G. McNew division of McCrory Corp. operates 1,100 stores in 46 states, after spinning off obsolete units, reported Samuel Neaman, board chairman and chief executive officer of the York, Pa-based firm. The G. in G. McNew stands for H.L. Green stores, while the Mc stands for McCrory and McLellan stores in the chain. The New represents 750 J.J. Newberry stores, acquired last year.

What about Main street in Benton Harbor, and the future of this McLellan store? Mrs. Phillips has some positive ideas,

"Customer service is the only thing that will get people downtown here, or in any city. And, Main street is where Benton Harbor needs the business—not off on side streets."

· Mrs. Phillips works with five full time employes, and her order is to not allow a customer to wander around, confused

over finding an item.
OFFER CUSTOMERS HELP

"Go up and offer to help. Chances are we have it. We're heavily stocked. If we don't, advise the customer on a store that would have it.'

On expansion, Mrs. Phillips said she wouldn't want to double the store size. "Maybe about one and a half times larger, and include a soda fountain. Women often like a cup of coffee or snack when shopping, and this could serve them." Main street's route back would be hastened by the return of

even one or two businesses, Mrs. Phillips feels. Questions were put to her: Competition from giants, like K-

mart, shopping centers, and crime downtown.

Stores like K-mart complement, rather than hurt, came one answer. In shopping centers, "People really don't save money. And the stores pay extremely high overhead." CRIME IS OVERRATED

Crime was seen as overrated.

"There's crime in any city you go to, but downtown is not the unsafe place some have been led to believe. There's been talk about policemen patrolling downtown on foot. But, you don't see

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



A POSITIVE APPROACH: Mrs. Mary Phillips, manager of McLellan's variety store, 80 West Main street, Benton Harbor, has turned store into profit-maker and will be honored as district top improver by her employer, G. McMew division of McCrory Corp., which operated 1,100 stores in 46 states. (Staff photo)

### Document Being Assembled

## **BH Charter Election** Scheduled Sept. 18

Benton Harbor residents will sent to the governor's office by ote on whether to accept or July 20. This is requirement, to vote on whether to accept or reject a new city charter at a special election, scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 18.

The date was approved Tuesday by the city charter commission, as chapters of the proposed document are rapidly being assembled by the group's special counsel, Atty. David

Morris of Kalamazoo. With seven tentative chapters written, although yet to be reviewed and perhaps revised. Morris said he will get out three more before taking his vacation next month. The three are on taxation; streets; and miscellaneous matter. The final chapter will deal with transitions into the new charter, if it's approved. Morris predicted that time for discussions before it's

he done 60 days before the elec-

Revisions would be made on recommendations, and the first from city commissioners was to be at this afternoon's charter commission session. Scheduled to appear were Commissioners Carl Brown, Charles Yarbrough and Edward Merrill. Other commissioners will be heard during the following two ses-

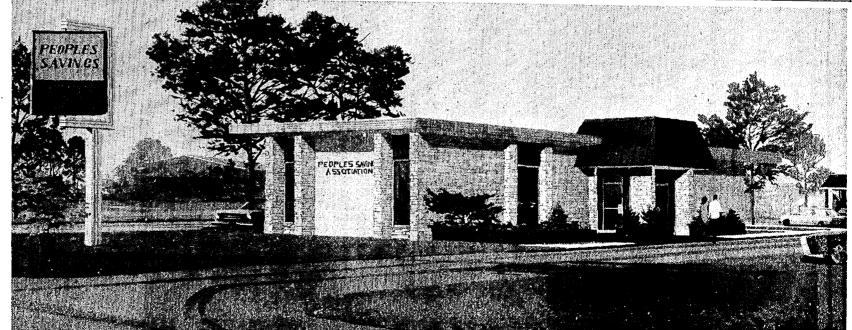
Morris voiced optimism, noting that tentative drafts provide greater flexibility, especially in areas providing the city commission greater authority.

The first formal opposition to

the cemetery's \$150,000 budget is not "a horrible" burden. The quote was from a statement made at an earlier charter commission meeting by former city manager Don Stewart. He felt boards, like the cemetery and library overseers, should be advisory, only. Charter commissioners agreement.

It was noted Tuesday that Peters and another cemetery board member, Otis Joseph, have moved out of Benton Harbor. Their replacements by city residents binges on appointments, yet to be made by Mayor Joseph, it was reported.

The charter commission is Morris predicted that a proposed change came from the cemetery board, in the form the cemetery board, in the cemeter by June 30, to leave plenty of of a resolution, signed by its included in the charter comchairman, Richard Peters. This mission's budget.



PEOPLES SAVINGS TO EXPAND: Peoples Savings association's Stevensville office will look like this, after construction of 864 square-foot addition is completed by mid-summer. Addition will be from near main entrance, to the left and will be under construction as soon as possible; reported Robert Durren, association president. Addition will

nearly double Stevensville office, opened in 1964 on John Beers road, a block west of Cleveland avenue. Durren said office will utilize two more tellers, and will have separate application and closing offices for loans, now joined in one room. Project follows recent remodeling of main office, 115 West Main,

Benton Harbor. Other offices are at Niles and Lester, St. Joseph; Colfax and Napier, Fairplain; Watervliet; Niles; and Grand Haven. Durren said addition's cost estimates and selection of contractor are to be completed soon. Architect is Daniels and Zermack, Ann Arbor.

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Highlights

## Disaster Loan **Applicants Must Hurry**

March 16 Victim Given 60 Days To File

Lakefront property owners in Berrien county who may want to apply for federal disaster loans because of damage sustained from the March 16 storm on Lake Michigan should do so within 60 days from April 16, according to Congressman Edward

He reported from Washington that a bill presently is on its way to the president's office that would cancel the provision that forgives the first \$5,000 of a disaster loan. It also will boost the interest rate to five per cent. Persons who file within 60 days of the date the county was declared a disaster area can get the \$5,000 free if they qualify for the loan. The interest rate on loans applied for before the deadline will be one per cent

Applications can be submitted to the Small Business Administration office in Detroit, Hutchinson said.

It was indicated by Tom McCall, director of the Berrien county office of emergency preparedness, that a SBA representative is expected to come here soon to take applica-

All but a few applications for loans for damage from an earlier, Nov. 15, storm were turned down by the SBA, on the basis the damage was caused by erosion and not by the storm

## Real Estate Firm Wins Cass Battle

tus, but unholding the ordinance

was filed by Judge Hoff April 4.

BY JERRY KRIEGER County-Farm Editor

CASSOPOLIS - A St. Joseph real estate dealer and his wife can continue to sell the remaining lots in their Four Winds Estates mobile home subdivision on the Mill Pond one

mile east of Downgiae.

In a recent decision, Cass Circuit Judge James E. Hoff ruled the subdivision has a nonconforming use status under the 1971 zoning ordinance of Wayne township in which the subdivision is located. He also ruled the ordinance itself is valid.

Herbert Reimers, head of Reimers Real Estate, and his wife, Irene, platted the 69-lot subdivision in 1964 at a time that Wayne township did not have a zoning ordinance. They sold 13 lots and 11 mobile homes were installed and they had spent in excess of \$35,000 in development costs, Judge Hoff said, when Wayne township adopted a zoning ordinance in 1967. The 40acre tract, which consists of an island and peninsula on the Mill Pond, was included in a Residential Group I zone Mobile homes were not permit-

The Reimers filed suit against the ordinance on Oct. 19, 1970, after the township board refused to rezone the subdivision to allow mobile homes, Judge Hoff ruled in 1971 that the ordinance was invalid.

Wayne township subsequently adopted another zoning ordinance, which put Four Winds Estates in Residential Group I again, mobile homes excluded.

The Reimers again filed suit against the township on Oct. 26, 1971, and the suit tried before Judge Hoff on Dec. 18-19, 1972. The ruling giving the sub-

#### Journals Given To Andrews U.

BERRIEN SPRINGS - The physics department at Andrews university has been given a collection of physics journals valued at approximately \$1,300, by Dr. Robert W. Young, associate editor for the Acoustical Society of America, The donor is also affiliated with the Naval

Undersea center at San Diego. The journals, many of them in bound volumes, include a 20year file of Physics Today, 8 years of American Scientist. and 28 years of American Journal of Physics.



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